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74. (Amended) A solar cell module manufacturing apparatus for manufacturing [the] a solar cell module, [according to claim 30] said solar cell module comprising a photovoltaic element and a covering means arranged on a non-light-receiving face side of the photovoltaic element and composed of a flame resistive fiber, by [the] a manufacturing method [according to claim 52] comprising the steps of:

providing a flame resistive layer on a surface of the

non-light-receiving face side of said solar cell module; and

providing a water-absorption preventing layer on the

surface of the flame resistive layer.

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